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Good evening, Sir.

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Very respectfully,

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Taliban sends message about US prisoner Bowe Bergdahl

29 March 2012, *Military.com's Carl Prine*

Several years ago, the Taliban captured a US Soldier named Bowe Bergdahl. Yesterday was Bergdahl's third birthday in captivity.

I've asked the Taliban several times to see Bergdahl. They have declined in the past citing security reasons. I recently asked the Taliban again about Bergdahl's condition.

A message came from key Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid. More accurately, the email came from his account. There is strong reason to believe that messages from this account are coming from from Zabihullah Mujahid, or someone deep within the "Big T" Taliban. (Upper leadership.)

In the past, this account has provided me with breaking information that could not have been derived from the news. For instance, Zabihullah, or whoever uses the account, messaged me last year just as the big hotel attack in Kabul unfolded. The account provided detailed information so early in the attack that the author must have had foreknowledge.

The actual messages might not be accurate, and they often exaggerate, but the account is real. This message came on 29 March 2012 in response to my inquiry about Bowe Bergdahl:

"He is healthy and with Taliban , we were in tuch with amerian to talk about exchange the prisoner but they not ecept this . and just wast the time . I personly issure u that he will be released , How , When , this is secret ."

Wausau family holds candle light vigil for P.O.W. Bowe Bergdahl

30 March 2012, Wausau News

A Wausau family's effort to bring a soldier safely home is uniting people from across the country Friday night.

U.S. prisoner of war Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl has been held captive in Afghanistan since 2009. His story has touched the hearts of the Weber family so much so, that they have made it their mission to help bring him home to his family in Hailey, Idaho.

"A lot of people didn't know of Bowe Bergdahl, that he was a prisoner of war held by the Taliban," Brenda Weber said.

On Friday, Brenda, her husband Rick and their 15-year-old son John, held a candle light vigil to spread awareness of Sgt. Bergdahl's capture and bring hope to his loved ones, who have gone nearly three years without contact from him.

"I knew I had something in common with them," John Weber said to the crowd of more than 100. "I too know what it feels like to be left behind."

Sgt. Bergdahl's freedom has a special meaning for John. He lived for the first 12 years of his life as an orphan in Russia, until Brenda and Rick brought him to their home in Wausau.

"His heart has been heavy knowing this is a soldier who doesn't have freedom," Brenda said.

That's why the Webers say it's their patriotic duty to aid in Sgt. Bergdahl's safe return to American soil.

"People lined up to sign the petitions," John said. "We knew we were onto something."

With the help of countless supporters around the country, the Weber family has collected almost 62,000 signatures that they plan to bring to Washington D.C. to petition the U.S. government to intervene.

Bergdahl is the only known P.O.W. in Afghanistan. After escaping for three days in Decemeber 2011, the Taliban recaptured him and he hasn't been heard from since.

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